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METABOLIC SYNDROME

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 02-2958, but not to include any payment of issues fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.